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Police Department Promulgates Rules to Govern Motor and Horse Drawn Vehicles in Streets of Chicago.

The following proclamation calling attention to the city ordinances governing motor and horse-drawn vehicles has been promulgated by the Police Department for the regulation of street traffic in Chicago:

Article I—Definitions.

Section 1. The word "vehicle" includes equestrians, led horses and everything on wheels or runners, except street cars and baby carriages.

Sec. 2. The word "horse" includes all domestic animals.

Sec. 3. The word "driver" includes the rider or driver of a horse, the rider of wheels and the operator of a motor vehicle or street car.

Article II—Obedience.

Section 1. Drivers of vehicles and street cars must at all times comply with any direction, by voice or hand, of any member of the Police Force, as to placing, stopping, starting, approaching or departing from, any place; the manner of taking up or setting down passengers, loading or unloading goods in any place.

Sec. 2. Ignorance of these rules shall furnish no excuse for disregarding them.

Article III—Pedestrians.

Section 1. Pedestrians should remember that while they have the right to cross the street in safety, the streets are primarily intended for vehicles, and they should therefore cheerfully conform to all the traffic rules and thereby contribute not only to their own safety and comfort but facilitate the movement of traffic as well.

Sec. 2. Pedestrians should never step from the sidewalk to the street without first looking in each direction for approaching vehicles.

Sec. 3. Pedestrians should never cross streets except at regular crossings and at right angles.

Sec. 4. Pedestrians should wait for the signal of traffic policeman whenever one is stationed and move in the direction of the traffic only.

Sec. 5. Pedestrians should be particularly cautious in crossing alleys.

Article IV—Drivers' Signals.

Section 1. Before slowing up or stopping drivers shall signal to those behind by raising the whip or hand vertically.

Sec. 2. In turning while in motion, or in starting to turn from a standstill, a signal shall be given by indicating with the whip or hand the direction in which the turn is to be made.

Sec. 3. Before backing or slowing up ample warning shall be given, and while backing unceasing vigilance must be exercised not to injure those behind.

Sec. 4. One blast of a police signal indicates that East and West traffic must stop and that North and South traffic may proceed.

Two blasts that North and South traffic shall stop and East and West traffic may proceed.

Three or more blasts is a signal of alarm and indicates the approach of danger.

Article V—Right of Way.

Section 1. Police, Fire Department, Fire Patrol, Traffic Emergency Repair, Ambulances and United States Mail vehicles shall have the right of way in any street and through any procession.

Sec. 2. Horse-drawn vehicles shall have the right of way over power-driven vehicles, street cars excepted.

Sec. 3. The driver of a vehicle, on the approach of any fire apparatus, shall immediately draw up said vehicle as near as practicable to the right hand curb and parallel thereto and bring it to a standstill.

Article VI—Street Cars.

Section 1. The driver of a street car shall immediately stop his car and keep it stationary upon the approach of any fire apparatus.

Sec. 2. Street cars shall have the right of way, between cross streets, over all vehicles.

The driver of any vehicle proceeding upon the track in front of a street car shall turn upon signal of the driver or conductor of the car.

Sec. 3. No vehicle or street car shall so occupy any street as to interfere with or intercept the passage of other cars or vehicles.

Sec. 4. During blockades or stoppages a clear space of ten feet shall be kept open between cars opposite the alley or the center of the block if there be no alley.

Article VII—Speed.

Section 1. No vehicle shall proceed at any time at a greater speed than the law allows and which is safe and proper under the conditions then obtaining.

Sec. 2. No vehicle shall cross any street or avenue or make any turn at a speed rate exceeding one-half its legal speed.

Sec. 3. No vehicle shall emerge from an alley, stable or garage at a pace faster than a walk; at the latter places an attendant should precede the vehicle to give warning.

Sec. 4. Horse-drawn vehicles and pedestrians should habitually cross the street intersections as promptly as circumstances permit. Teams moving at an unnecessarily slow walk across street intersections greatly impede traffic.

Sec. 5. On all thoroughfares the heavy and slow moving vehicles shall, as far as conditions permit, keep to the right, in order to allow the rapid moving and lighter traffic to proceed independently.

Ordinance Regulating Speed of Vehicles Near Schools, Public Playgrounds and Churches—Passed July 6, 1915.

Section 1963. No motor, electric or animal drawn vehicle of any kind shall proceed, while within four hundred (400) feet of any schoolhouse in the city, at a greater speed than five (5) miles an hour, between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. on any day during which school is in session in such schoolhouse.

Sec. 1963a. * * * or within four hundred (400) feet of any public playground in the city, between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and 7 o'clock p. m. on any day during which playground is open and in operation;

Sec. 1964. * * * or while within four hundred (400) feet of any church in the city during the time or times that persons are customarily entering or leaving churches on Sundays or holidays, or any other day set apart by such church for religious worship.

Article VIII—Keeping to the Right.

Section 1. A vehicle, except when passing a vehicle ahead, shall habitually keep as near the right hand curb as possible.

Sec. 2. A vehicle meeting another shall pass to the right.

Sec. 3. On an avenue or street divided longitudinally by a parkway, walk, sunken way or viaduct, vehicles should keep to the right of such divisions.

Sec. 4. A vehicle turning into another street to the right shall turn the corner as near the right hand curb as practicable.

Sec. 5. A vehicle turning into another street to the left shall circle around the center of the street intersection.

Sec. 6. A vehicle crossing from one side of the street to the other side shall in doing so keep to the right.

Sec. 7. No vehicle shall stop with left side to the curb.

Sec. 8. No vehicle shall stand backed up to the curb, except when actually loading or unloading, and if said vehicle is horse-drawn and has four wheels, the horse or horses must stand parallel to the curb and faced in the direction of the traffic.

Sec. 9. A vehicle waiting at the curb shall promptly give place to a vehicle about to load or unload.

Sec. 10. No vehicle, unless in an emergency or to allow another vehicle or pedestrian to cross its path, shall stop in any street or highway, except near the right hand curb thereof, and so not to obstruct a crossing.

Sec. 11. No vehicle shall back to make a turn in any street if by so doing it interferes with other vehicles, but shall go around the block or to a street sufficiently wide to turn in without blocking traffic.

Sec. 12. Vehicles will enter North and South and all "L" shaped or right-angled alleys from the North and

leave from the South; East and West alleys, from the East and leave from the West.

Sec. 2484a. Vehicles to stop when street cars discharge or take on passengers. It shall be unlawful for any person driving or having charge, possession or control of any vehicle being driven or propelled or operated upon the streets of the City of Chicago, upon overtaking any street car which is stopped for the purpose of discharging or taking on a passenger or passengers, to permit, or cause said vehicle to pass or approach within ten (10) feet of said car as long as the said car is so stopped or remains standing for the purpose of discharging or taking on a passenger or passengers.

2493. Vehicles Passing—Motor Vehicles Not to Run on Left Hand Track. All vehicles shall keep as close to the right-hand curb as safety and prudence shall permit, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle, and except when running within the car tracks, as provided in Section 2487 hereof. An overtaken vehicle must at all times be passed on its left side, except that in case of motor vehicles and motorcycles passing street cars of other vehicles when running within the car tracks; in such cases such motor vehicle or motor cycle shall not turn to the left into the track reserved for street cars and vehicles moving in the opposite direction, but shall pass to the right of such street car of vehicle as overtaken.

Headlights on Vehicles. The following ordinance regulating headlights on automobiles, motorcycles or other vehicles was passed by the City Council on March 30, 1914:

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Chicago:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person operating any automobile, motorcycle or other vehicle, while operating the same upon the public streets and highways within the City, to use acetylene, electric or other bright headlight, or any headlight the rays from which shall be intensified by any parabolic or condensing reflector, unless such headlight shall be properly shaded so as not to blind, dazzle or confuse other users of the highway or make it difficult or unsafe for them to ride, drive or walk thereon.

Article IX—Vehicles.

Section 1. No one shall drive a vehicle that is so closed in or constructed as to prevent the driver from having a sufficient view of the traffic at the sides of such vehicle.

Sec. 2. No one shall drive or conduct any vehicle in such condition, so constructed or so loaded as to be likely to cause delay in traffic of accident or injury to man, beast or property.

Sec. 3. No vehicle shall be so loaded that it may not be easily drawn over the most difficult portion of the route.

Sec. 4. No one shall load or drive a vehicle loaded with iron or any material likely to create loud noises by striking together without using every effort to deaden the load.

Sec. 5. No one under sixteen years of age shall be permitted to drive any vehicle.

Sec. 6. No one shall ride upon the rear end of any vehicle without the consent of the driver, and when riding no part of his body shall protrude beyond the limits of the vehicle.

Sec. 7. No vehicle shall be used on any street or highway unless provided with lights and sound signals as prescribed by law.

Sec. 8. All vehicles are required between one and one-half hours after sunset and one hour before sunrise to have on the left side a light which shall show white 200 feet to the front and red 200 feet to the rear. Bicycles, etc., shall have one white light that shall be visible 200 feet.

Sec. 9. Drivers of vehicles loaded with ashes, cinders, coal, mortar, snow or similar material, so that the material is scattered along the street, are liable to arrest.

Sec. 10. No vehicle shall, between 6 a. m. and 7 p. m. stand in any street or alley within the district bounded by Lake street, Wabash avenue, Harrison and Market streets for a period longer than 30 minutes.

Article X—Control of Horses.

Section 1. No horse shall be left unattended in any street unless securely fastened or unless the wheels of the vehicle to which he is harnessed are securely fastened and the vehicle itself is of sufficient weight to prevent its being dragged with the wheels so secured.

Sec. 2. No horses shall be unbridled in any street unless secured by a halter.

Sec. 3. No one shall remove a wheel, pole, shaft, whiffletree or other part of the vehicle or any part of a harness without first unhitching the horse or horses.

Sec. 4. No one shall let go the reins while riding, driving or conducting a horse.

Sec. 5. No one shall knowingly permit an animal to be driven which is not in every respect fit for the service

in which it is employed and free from lameness, sores or any disease likely to cause pain to the animal or an injury to person or property.

Sec. 6. No one shall ill-treat, overload, over-drive, over-ride or cruelly or unnecessarily beat any horse.

Sec. 7. No one shall crack or so use a whip as to annoy, interfere with or endanger any person or excite any horse other than that which he is using.

Motor Vehicle Muffler Ordinance. Section 1. No person shall operate, nor shall the owner of any automobile, motor vehicle, or motorcycle, permit to be operated on the streets, alleys and public places of the City of Chicago any automobiles, motor vehicle or motorcycle which has not a muffler in a proper and efficient working condition; and it shall further be unlawful for any person to operate, or for the owner of any automobile, motor vehicle or motorcycle to permit to be operated any such automobile, motor vehicle or motorcycle on the streets, alleys or public places of the City of Chicago with the muffler or cut out not in operation.

Sec. 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined in a sum not less than five dollars or more than fifty dollars for each offense.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and due publication.

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